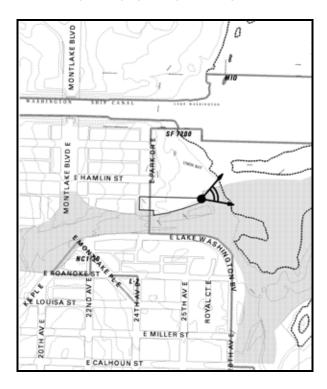
McCurdy Park Viewpoint

E. Hamlin and E. Park Drive E.



LOCATION AND VIEWPOINT CATEGORY

The park is located in the Montlake neighborhood next to the E. Montlake Park and the current home of the Museum of History and Industry. The viewpoints provide secondary and framed views of Lake Washington and Foster Island. Only 10% of intended views exist. Park property is adjacent to the north and Department of Transportation property is to the south.

SUMMARY OF EXISTING CONDITIONS

The shoreline of the park is dominated by native Red Alders obscuring views to the water. Some invasive weeds have also established between tree clusters.

MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS

A. MAINTENANCE FOR EXISTING CONDITIONS

<u>Category 2 – Tree Pruning and Invasive Weed Removal</u>

Procedures:

- 1. Tree removal and pruning using ANSI 300 standards
- 2. Invasive weed removal
- 3. Erosion control along shoreline where needed
- 4. Mulch shoreline viewpoints

B. GENERAL MAINTENANCE PRACTICES

Five year cycle maintenance frequency will require:

- physical removal of weeds
- remove alder saplings at viewpoints

- Managing exposed soil with additional planting, erosion control matting and mulching
- Control of adjacent vegetation with pruning and tree thinning
- · Removal of dead, declining and diseased trees

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View management locations:

Zone 3 – Shoreline maintenance (easy access)

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Priority 1

Restoring intended views and implementing tree management along the shoreline is rated 'high priority' due to the degree of obstructed views and ease of restoration.

Phasing

Phase 1 - Remove trees and prune by thinning tree groves

Phase 2 - Eradicate invasive weeds

Cover slopes with woodchip mulch

<u>Labor Sources (UF- Urban Forestry Staff, PM – Park Maintenance Staff)</u>

Contractor, UF, and/or volunteers:

UF staff:

Contractor, UF and/or volunteers:

-physical removal of weeds
-prune and remove trees,
-planting and mulching

Park Maintenance staff: -prune small trees,

control adjacent vegetation

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Tall trees need thinning

Dense understory vegetation obscures water view





Bridge and walkway to Foster's Island





LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT ZONES

Zone 1 - Developed Park Landscape Zone 2 - Transition

Zone 3 - Hillside

Park Boundary Parcel Boundary 1:900

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